

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: Chair Mike Cuffe, on January 20, 2017 at 8:30 AM, in Room 317B Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Cuffe, Chair (R)
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Crystal Bridges, Committee Secretary
Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 14 continued

HB 14 Continued**Program Overview / Introduction:**

00:00:39 Alice Stanley, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:02:20 Chair Cuffe

00:02:28 Alice Stanley, DNRC

EXHIBIT(jlh15a01)

00:05:40 Chair Cuffe

00:06:14 Lindsey Volpe, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Proponents RGL:

00:06:53 Chair Cuffe

00:07:11 Molly Davidson, Granite County

EXHIBIT(jlh15a02)

00:11:13 Chair Cuffe

00:11:30 Molly Davidson, Granite County

00:12:08 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

00:12:27 Shawn Higley, Helena Valley Irrigation District

EXHIBIT(jlh15a03)

00:13:18 Mark Diehl, Helena Valley Irrigation District

00:17:02 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resource Water Association (MWRA)

00:18:57 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

00:19:11 Lain Leonik, Bozeman

00:25:35 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

00:25:50 Molly Davidson, Ward Irrigation

00:29:20 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

00:29:38 Gelda Halverson, Sweet Grass County Conservation District

00:32:35 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

00:32:54 Bob VanOosten, Stillwater Irrigation District

00:33:49 Lindsey Clark, Stillwater Irrigation District

EXHIBIT(jlh15a04)

00:36:58 Theo Yanzick, Stillwater Irrigation District

00:38:03 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

00:38:21 Shawn Higley, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project

EXHIBIT(jlh15a05)

00:40:08 James Brower, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project

00:42:27 Sen. Welborn

00:42:43 James Brower, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project

00:43:25 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

00:43:39 Scott Aspenlieder, Huntley Project Irrigation District

EXHIBIT(jlh15a06)

00:46:41 Sen. Welborn

00:46:58 Scott Aspenlieder, Huntley Project Irrigation District

00:47:19 Chair Cuffe

00:47:37 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

00:47:55 Scott Aspenlieder, Helena Valley Irrigation District

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a07\)](#)

00:50:08 Sen. Sesso

00:50:16 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

00:50:25 Sen. Sesso

00:50:31 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

00:50:47 Chair Cuffe

00:50:58 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

00:51:11 Molly Davidson, Broadwater Conservation District

00:54:04 Denise Thompson, Broadwater Conservation District

00:54:52 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

00:55:05 Vernon Stokes, Pondera County Conservation District

00:56:50 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

00:57:06 Scott Aspenlieder, Malta Irrigation District

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a08\)](#)

00:58:00 Dean Yeadon, Malta Irrigation District

00:59:18 Chair Cuffe

00:59:29 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

00:59:46 Scott Aspenlieder, Sidney Water Users Irrigation District

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a09\)](#)

01:00:49 Raymond Bell, Sidney Water Users Irrigation District

01:05:00 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

01:05:19 Scott Aspenlieder, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project District 2

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a11\)](#)

01:07:07 Chair Cuffe

01:07:20 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

01:07:38 Rich Boyle, Fort Shaw Irrigation District

01:09:16 Trevor McGurran, Fort Shaw Irrigation District

01:11:05 Todd Klick, Fort Shaw Irrigation District

01:12:13 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

01:12:35 Shawn Higley, Glen Lake Irrigation District

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a12\)](#)

01:15:30 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

01:15:49 Scott Aspenlieder, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation District 2

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a13\)](#)

01:17:28 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

01:18:18 Scott Aspenlieder, Huntley Project Irrigation District

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a14\)](#)

01:20:32 Chair Cuffe

01:20:46 Scott Aspenlieder, Huntley Project Irrigation District

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01:21:21 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

01:22:03 Brian Holling, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT(jlh15a15)

01:24:05 Chair Cuffe

01:24:52 Brian Holling, DNRC

01:25:05 Chair Cuffe

01:25:29 Brian Holling, DNRC

01:25:44 Chair Cuffe

01:26:07 Recess

01:39:55 Reconvene

01:39:59 Chair Cuffe

01:40:07 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

01:40:52 Brian Healy, Fort Peck Tribes

01:44:13 Chair Cuffe

01:44:23 Rep. Peppers

01:44:41 Brian Healy, Fort Peck Tribes

01:44:52 Chair Cuffe

01:45:07 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

01:45:24 Shawn Higley, Toston Irrigation District

EXHIBIT(jlh15a16)

01:46:38 Franklin Slifka, Toston Irrigation District

01:48:36 Chair Cuffe

01:49:17 Franklin Slifka, Toston Irrigation District

01:49:26 Chair Cuffe

01:49:36 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

01:49:57 Shawn Higley, Clinton Irrigation District

EXHIBIT(jlh15a17)

01:51:56 Chair Cuffe

01:52:05 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

01:52:08 Chair Cuffe

01:52:28 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

01:53:08 Brian Holling, DNRC

EXHIBIT(jlh15a18)

01:55:14 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

01:55:34 Brian Holling, DNRC

EXHIBIT(jlh15a19)

01:57:37 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

01:58:00 Brian Holling, DNRC

EXHIBIT(jlh15a20)

01:59:15 Kevin Smith, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

02:01:11 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC

02:01:30 Molly Davidson, Hysham Irrigation District

02:05:43 Rep. Peppers
02:06:45 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
02:07:15 Scott Aspenlieder, Lockwood Irrigation District

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a21\)](#)

BROADWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, AVALANCHE IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

02:09:34 Lindsey Volpe, DNRC
02:09:57 Sen. Welborn
02:10:42 Alice Stanley, DNRC
02:14:33 Sen. Welborn

Proponents:

02:14:56 Daniel Davis, Self

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a22\)](#)

02:18:00 Sen. Welborn
02:18:12 Denise Thompson, Self
02:19:58 Shawn Higley, Self

OPPONENTS:

02:21:39 Fuller Finger, Self
02:24:01 Bill Waldron, Confederate Gulch Homeowners Association

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a23\)](#)

02:25:00 Sen. Welborn
02:25:56 Bill Waldron, Confederate Gulch Homeowners Association
02:27:26 Vicki Sullivan, Self
02:29:48 Chair Cuffe
02:30:43 Vicki Sullivan, Self
02:30:55 Chair Cuff
02:31:43 Dan Artz, Self
02:31:54 Anne Hall, Self
02:32:11 Trevor Reichert, Self
02:32:24 Nora Baziun, Self
02:32:50 Carole Plymale, Self

Committee Bussiness:

02:34:10 Chair Cuffe

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:
02:37:28

Crystal Bridges, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jlh15aad.pdf](#))